

## ED quizzes Rahul for 3rd day

NEW DELHI, June 15:

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi appeared before the ED today for the third consecutive day of questioning in the National Herald money laundering case, with the agency seeking answers about his "personal role" in taking decisions with regard to the media organisation and its owner Young Indian.

Gandhi (51) arrived at the ED headquarters on APJ Abdul Kalam Road in central Delhi around 11.35 am with his "Z+" category CRPF security escort.

He was accompanied by his sister and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra as his convoy whizzed past police barricades thronged by media persons and party supporters.

A huge contingent of police and paramilitary personnel has been deployed around the federal agency's office, and prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) are in force.

The questioning began at 12 noon and the ED has been conducting a video and audio recording of the statement of Gandhi during all the three days' sessions. His statements are being typed on A4 size papers and are minutely reviewed by him and signed before submission to the investigating officer.

Gandhi, sources said, is being asked about the assets worth about Rs 800 crore "owned" by AJL and how a not-for-profit company like Young Indian (YI) was undertaking commercial activities of renting out its land and building assets.

The Congress party has claimed that there was no FIR or scheduled offence in this case, on the basis of which a PMLA case was filed and Gandhi and his mother Congress president were summoned.

Officials said the ED action is on a "higher pedestal than that of proceedings undertaken on the basis of the FIR" as the court has taken cognisance of the Income Tax department charge sheet filed in the case and issued process.

They said sections 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 420 (cheating) of the IPC applied in the I-T case as "predicate offences" that enable the ED to register a money laundering case.

ED investigators said the offence of money laundering as defined under section 3 of the PMLA is being applied by the ED to probe the role of Gandhi in this entire case where "while there is no movement of cash but the proceeds of crime have been generated and some people have benefitted from them".

Section 3 of the PMLA says whoever directly or indirectly attempts to indulge or knowingly assists or knowingly is a party or is actually involved in any process or activity connected with proceeds of crime and projecting it as untainted property shall be guilty of the offence of money laundering.

Officials also counter the claim of the Congress party and even Gandhi who have maintained that YI was a non-profit company and no one can enjoy personal funds or shares of the company. (PTI)

## Nomination for Prez election begins

NEW DELHI, June 15:

The process to file nominations for the presidential election began today with the Election Commission issuing a notification calling upon the electors to fill the vacancy.

The election is scheduled to be held on July 18.

The nomination process began on a day when various opposition parties are meeting in Delhi to decide on a Presidential candidate.

The nominations can be filed till June 29 and the scrutiny of the papers will take place on June 30. July 2 has been decided as the last date of withdrawing from the electoral ballot.

The counting will be held here on July 21.

The term of incumbent President Ram Nath Kovind ends on July 24.

The President is elected by the members of the electoral college consisting of elected members of both Houses of Parliament and elected members

of the Legislative Assemblies of all States, including the National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The nominated members of either Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha or Legislative Assemblies of the States are not eligible to be included in the electoral college and, therefore, they are not entitled to participate in the election. Similarly, members of the Legislative Councils are also not electors for the Presidential election.

While voting takes place in Parliament House and State Legislative Assemblies, the counting of votes is held in the national capital.

Leaders of some major political parties held hectic parleys on Tuesday ahead of a meeting called by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee here today to forge a consensus for fielding a joint candidate against the NDA in the Presidential election, a move that has exposed the fault lines within the opposition. (PTI)

## 'Gulab Gaatha' show series concludes

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 15: To commemorate 200th coronation year of Maharaja Gulab Singh-first Dogra ruler of princely State



A scene from film 'Gulab Gaatha' screened at Jammu on Wednesday.

The screening was started to mark the 200th coronation year of Maharaja Gulab Singh on July 11, 2022 at Udhampur followed by Reasi, Kathua, Samba and concluded today with two screenings in Jammu.

In a statement, Gaurav Gupta, Secretary Jammu Club lauded the efforts made by Maharaja Gulab Singh Memorial Trust and Natrang to come up with a film on Dogra Ruler.

It is pertinent to mention here that Dr. Karan Singh inspired Balwant Thakur to write, produce and direct this first ever film in the year 2017 on the history of the great Dogra ruler who created the larger princely State of India.

The film 'Gulab Gaatha' is about the journey of a soldier who achieves great success at everything he initiated. He was a normal person with no lineage of royalty but he established himself as a King with the help of his bravery and continued to keep a hold on his empire because of his well-planned strategic and diplomatic intelligence.

The screenings were coordinated by Neeraj Kant, Sumeet Sharma, Mohd Yaseen, Pooja Mahajan, Sartaj Singh, Rahul Singh, Kushal Bhat and Brijesh Avtar Sharma.

## Civil Society reviews arrangements for Budha Amarnath Yatra

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, June 15: The Civil Society members from both the communities and the Mandir Committee under the leadership of Shri 1008 Swami Vishavmatmanand ji Maharaj today reviewed arrangements with regard to annual Shri Budha Amarnath Ji Yatra at Temple complex in Mandi town.

The main aim of this meeting was to discuss various aspects including arrangements and successful conclusion of the Yatra.

Prominent local people of Muslim community from different sections were present during this meeting. Swami Ji said that as per the tradition, this meeting with locals is held to decide and discuss many issues.

People from all over India pay their obeisance here and this place gives the message of peace and unity to every corner. Pertinent to mention here that local Muslims every year welcome yatra and the official Yatra this year will be started at the end of July month.

## 22 bovines seized

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, June 15: The Police rescued 22 bovine animals from the clutches of smugglers while foiling smuggling bids in Surankote area of Poonch.

Official sources said that on the direction of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra, teams headed by DySP Surankote Tanveer Jeelani, SHO Surankote Insp Niaz Ahmed, I/C Police Post Behrangalla ASI Mahroof Ahmed established nakas at Behrangalla and Bafliar areas.

During naka checking apprehended two bovine smugglers and seized two vehicles bearing Reg. Nos. JK12B- 0223 & JK03F- 6428 which were on way towards Kashmir. The police seized 22 bovine animals loaded in these vehicles.

Two FIRs 159 & 160 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act have been registered at Police Station Surankote and further investigation started.

## HP CJ's daughter arrested

NEW DELHI, June 15:

The CBI today arrested Kalyani Singh, daughter of the Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court, in connection with the killing of national level shooter Sukhmanpreet Singh alias Sippy Sidhu over six years ago in Chandigarh, officials said.

They said during investigation, the CBI found some documentary evidence suggesting that Kalyani Singh and Sidhu were close and a romantic relationship had turned sour.

The Central agency had called Kalyani Singh, daughter of Acting Chief Justice Sabina Singh, for questioning where

she was found evasive in responses following which she was arrested, sources said.

The central agency had registered the FIR in the killing of Sidhu who was also a lawyer, on April 13, 2016 on the request of Chandigarh Administration, the CBI said in a statement.

"During further investigation, alleged involvement of accused (Kalyani Singh) came forth in the case. Accordingly, she was examined and arrested."

"The arrested accused was produced today (Wednesday) in the Court of Special Judicial Magistrate, Chandigarh and remanded to four days police custody," CBI spokesperson said. (PTI)

## BJP pays glowing tribute to Rajesh Gupta

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 15: Senior leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir paid glowing tribute to former MLA and senior party leader, Rajesh Gupta, who breathed his last recently at a "Shradhanjali Sabha" organized at party headquarter, here, today.

J&K BJP general secretary (Org), Ashok Koul, former Dy. Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta, party vice-president, Yudhvir

\* Watch video on [www.excelsiornews.com](http://www.excelsiornews.com)

Sethi, vice-president Anuradha Charak, former MLC & BJP general secretary, Vibodh Gupta, BJP headquarter in charge, Priya Sethi, former MLC, Ch. Vikram Randhawa, secretary, Arvind Gupta, secretary, Rekha Mahajan, chief spokesperson, Sunil Sethi, district president, Vinay Gupta and other leaders paid tributes to the departed soul.

Ashok Koul, while paying tribute to the departed soul, termed Rajesh Gupta as a ground level worker dedicated to his task. He said that Rajesh Gupta was always determined to

lead from the front. He worked hard amongst the people and gained their confidence. His sole aim was the development of the area and the welfare of the people, while he served as the public representative. He asked the younger generation to take lessons from his life and serve the society in a selfless manner.

Kavinder Gupta could not hold back his tears while remembering the time spent with former MLA. He remembered their long association starting from both level worker to various organizational posts and their companionship in JMC and in the Assembly.

Sat Sharma said that they have lost a good companion and a good soul and shared life experiences highlighting strong organizational dedication of former MLA Rajesh Gupta.

Yudhvir Sethi remembered the noble soul stating that Rajesh Gupta was a ground level activist who has contributed majorly in strengthening the organization.

Priya Sethi said that in this tough hour the whole of BJP stands with the bereaved family. Vinay Gupta also recalled the role of late leader.

## Painting competition organized

Excelsior Correspondent

REASI, June 15: A painting competition was organized at Government Middle School Judda in Arnas by IRP-1st Battalion under Civic Action Programme (CAP).

The event was organized by Shivdeep Singh Jamwal-SSP (CO IRP-1st Bn) accompanied



Police officer awarding a winner of painting competition.

by Anil Sagar, DySP and other police officers of the unit.

In the event, 87 students of different schools of Judda area participated. The event was witnessed by respectable citizens of the area including retired police officers, ZEOs, Panchayat representatives and teaching staff of the school.

On the occasion, the police

## Accident victim succumbs to injuries

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 15: An accident victim succumbed to his injuries at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) here today morning, police sources said.

The deceased was identified as Abhi Kundal, son of Nek Ram of Katal Batal Nagrota District Jammu.

The victim was injured after a jeep turned inside a tunnel at Nashri on June 12 this year and was admitted in GMCH Jammu, where he failed to respond to the treatment and died today morning.

After completing medical and legal formalities, the body of the deceased was handed over to legal heirs for last rites.

A case under relevant Sections already stands registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and investigation is going on.

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## Sat addresses beneficiary Sammelan in Ward 40

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 15: Sat Sharma, former J&K BJP president and former Minister addressed a beneficiary Sammelan in Ward 40 falling under BJP's organizational district Jammu West.

BJP district Jammu West president, Munish Khajuria, J&K BJP media secretary, Dr. Pardeep Mahotra, district general secretary, Karan Sharma, Talab Tillo, Mandal president, Keshav Chopra, local councilor from Ward 40, Neelam Nargotra, district secretary, Pratibha, district treasurer, Arun Dubey, office bearers of Shree Guru Ravidas Sabha, Shakti Kendra Pramukhs, Rahul Nargotra and Jaipal Sharma, district president, SC Morcha, Yashpal Shivgotra, social worker, Abhishek Sharma and others were amongst the prominent persons in the Sammelan.

Beneficiaries of various Government sponsored welfare schemes participated in the Sammelan.

Sat Sharma, while addressing on the Sammelan complimented Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for giving benefits of various public welfare schemes to the actually needy population. He made a specific comment that during the previous governments it was officialy stated by the head of the Government that the majority of the benefits given by the Union

Government do not reach up to the actual beneficiaries. "Now, under the strong and decisive leadership of PM Modi, all the beneficiaries get every single rupee directly into their bank account with the removal of the middlemen. This has ensured that the welfare schemes benefit the needy leading to the empowerment of the earlier neglected sections", Sat said.

Munish Khajuria district president, enumerated various public welfare schemes initiated by the Modi Government and the empowerment of the needy population in the district Jammu West.

Dr. Pardeep Mahotra said that the Modi Government is working on the mission of Antodaya and every BJP activist is working tirelessly to ensure that every needy person is able to get off the beneficial schemes launched by the PM Modi led Government.

Keshav Chopra said that BJP led by its local leadership has ensured that the Modi's message of development reaches up to the ground level. He lauded the efforts of former MLA, councilors and all the party activists for the dedication they have shown in serving the masses.

Neelam Nargotra organized the whole programme. Yashpal Shivgotra conducted the Sammelan proceedings, while Jaipal Sharma thanked the beneficiaries and all senior BJP leadership.

## Birth anniversary of ex-MLA Babu Milkhi Ram celebrated

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 15: The birth anniversary of Advocate Babu Milkhi Ram (ex-MLA) was celebrated by Shri Guru Ravi Dass

Sabha, Bahu Fort, Jammu in the premises of Gurudwara Shri Guru Ravi Dass Ji Maharaj, Bahu Fort, Jammu.

A large number of people participated in the celebration and paid rich tribute to Babu Milkhi Ram.

The speakers said that Babu Milkhi Ram will be remembered as great social reformer, true and honest politician and a dedicated personality as he worked tirelessly throughout his life sacrificing all comforts.

Speaking on this occasion, Sham Lal Basson said that Milkhi Ram was rightly called as Ambedkar of Jammu Kashmir as he never compromised with his principles throughout his life and started 'Depressed Classes Movement' in Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof G L Thapa cited many examples of Babu ji because chief guest on the occasion. Elaborate arrangements were made by the locals and the administration for smooth conduct of the Mela, which is being organized here for the last few years.

Prominent personalities of the area, including Kasturi Lal Gupta, Sarpanch Pachound; Dev Raj, Sarpanch Dudu; Krishan Kumar, Sarpanch Pachound; Tehsildar Latti, BDO Latti, SHO Latti Vijay Thakur and others took part in the Mela.

## 2 drug peddlers held with heroin

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 15: Wildlife officials have launched a massive hunt in the Boniyar area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district to trap or kill a leopard that has been labelled a man-eater after mauling a ten-year-old girl on Tuesday.

Authorities declared the leopard a man-eater after the killing and dispatched teams to capture or kill it. To kill the leopard, wildlife officials have set traps near Boniyar and put shooters in vulnerable areas. To track down and exterminate the man-eating beast, the wildlife department has sought the support of the Forest Protection Force, the Jammu and Kashmir Police, and local hunters.

The wild animal has killed at least three children in the neighbourhood in the last few days.

to the ex-MLA included C L Banal, Prof C L Shivgotra, Col Mohan Lal, Des Raj, Om Parkash, Sham Lal Kalsi, Dr Vijay Shivgotra, Vikas Kalsi,



People paying tribute to ex-MLA Babu Milkhi Ram on his birth anniversary.

Rajesh Kumar, Om Parkash Badgal, Vicky, Ishar Dass, Rattan Lal and Rattan Lal Bangotra.

## Tawi Darshan Mela organized at Dudu

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, June 15: Tawi Darshan Mela was organized at Dudu with much fanfare and participation from the adjoining areas, here today.

During the Mela, Aarti and Hawan were performed in the presence of SDM Dudu, who was chief guest on the occasion.

Elaborate arrangements were made by the locals and the administration for smooth conduct of the Mela, which is being organized here for the last few years.

Prominent personalities of the area, including Kasturi Lal Gupta, Sarpanch Pachound; Dev Raj, Sarpanch Dudu; Krishan Kumar, Sarpanch Pachound; Tehsildar Latti, BDO Latti, SHO Latti Vijay Thakur and others took part in the Mela.

## Package employees continue protest

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 15: Continuing their protest in support of relocation demand All Minorities Employees Association Kashmir (AMEAK) today expressed its dismay over the approach of UT Government concerning the problem of the safety of the lives of minority employees serving in Kashmir after spurt in the targeted killings.

A handout issued by the Association said that its delegation had met the Lt Governor, J&K Manoj Sinha on May 27 and put up a single demand on behalf of all package employees to relocate them to safer places outside the Valley till the situation becomes normal and conducive for work.

Unfortunately, the Government has kept silence over this issue. The Nodal

Officer appointed by the Government, Akshay Labroo has not approached employees since 27th May which could have helped in finding the solution and breaking the deadlock.

The statement said the employees are protesting in Jammu as well as in all transit camps of the Valley at the moment for their safety. Majority of the employees have already left the Valley and those few who are stuck up in transit camps of the Valley do request the UT Government to provide them the safe passage to move towards Jammu as they are not allowed to leave the camps due to very volatile and grim security situation.

The protesting employees with their children at Sheikhpura Budgam today made it clear that nothing except relocation is acceptable to them.

## Galgotias among eight most preferred universities in India

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 15: Galgotias University (Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh) has the distinction of being listed among the eight most preferred universities in the



An external view of Galgotias University.

that there are only eight universities in the country, which have received more than one lakh applications in CUET. It is yet another milestone in Galgotias' journey towards success and is a reflection of an ever-increasing faith in the university among the students across the country.

Chancellor Suneel Galgotia said that behind the record-breaking number of choices by students across the country in CUET lies the effort by our university to

accord highest priority to academic quality. Galgotias University provides students with world-class faculty along with excellent advanced education as well as latest technology and placement facility at attractive packages.

country as per the applications received for CEUT (Common University Entrance Test), being conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA).

Galgotias University has received a record 3, 99,373 applications. It is noteworthy

## Anupam Kher performs ritual in Kashi for Kashmiri Pandits

RAMPUR,(UP), June 15:

Film actor Anupam Kher on Wednesday performed a special puja at Pishach Mochan Kund at Chetganj here for the peace of the souls of Kashmiri Pandits who were killed by the terrorists in Kashmir valley.

"The Kashmir Files' actor performed Tripindi Shraddha, a ritual performed after the death of a person, amidst chanting on Vedic mantra by Brahmins.

Speaking on the occasion, Kher said, "It's an important day for the Kashmiri Pandit, who were killed in genocide in Kashmir. After 32 years a ritual has been performed praying for the salvation of those unsatisfied souls. It was during the shooting of the film 'The Kashmir Files' that I had decided that I will perform rituals in Kashi for the peace of those souls," he said.

He said that the atmosphere

for Hindus living in Kashmir has become better as compared to past decades. He said that at present time an atmosphere of fear is being spread because of targeted killings of Hindus.

People are trying to migrate to different places but this is not the solution, we have to boost up the morale of Hindus living in the valley.

The actor said that the media too needs to show on TV channels and publish articles on the atrocities people are facing there. Social media too plays an important role. Such issues must be raised and highlighted internationally," he said.

He said in the past the media was silent and now they too had to play a role so that people may not leave Kashmir and such issues must also come on international platforms.

The ceremony was organised jointly by Aagman Sanstha and Brahma Sena. (UNI)

June 18 is last date for application for admission to IIMC

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, June 15: Last date for submission of online applications for admission to various courses of Journalism in Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) is June 18.

According to a spokesperson of IIMC Jammu, Entrance Test for admission to PG Diploma in English Journalism, PG Diploma in Hindi Journalism, PG Diploma in Advertising and Public Relations, PG Diploma in Radio & TV Journalism and PG Diploma in Digital Media at IIMC will be conducted by the National Testing Agency along with the CUET(PG).

The online application form and Information Bulletin for admission are available on <https://cuet.nic.in>, added the spokesperson.